Ghosts Among Our Graves
Private Ghost Hunts with Free Spirit
Paranormal Investigators

Planning Guide
GETTING STARTED
PLAN YOUR GHOST HUNT IN FIVE EASY STEPS

1. READ THIS GUIDE
Get answers to all your Private Ghost Hunt questions plus contact information for FSP! and Laurel Hill Cemetery.

2. SUBMIT YOUR RESERVATION FORM
Make sure you’ve entered your first choice and second choice for dates.

3. MAKE YOUR DEPOSIT
Once we’ve confirmed your reservation, make your deposit payment by cash, check, or credit card in our online store.

4. SIGN YOUR WAIVER
Download our waiver and distribute to your group so you will be ready to depart.

5. SHOW UP AND ENJOY!
Don’t forget to pack some snacks and wear comfortable shoes.
BOOKING YOUR GHOST HUNT

Is there anything on the other side? What becomes of our life energy after we die? Your group can find the answer to this question while joining the FSPI team leaders on group investigations of some of the cemetery’s most reportedly active sections. Pack drinks and snacks so you have something to refuel with after the hunt. Use this guide to get all the ghostly goodness on how to book.

PRICING

All Ghost Hunts have a $100 reservation fee. This fee is deducted from the overall cost of the investigation. The group minimum is 5 people and the maximum is 15 people.

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DEPOSIT / CANCELLATION

A $100 fee is required to reserve your Ghost Hunt date and is deducted from the overall cost of the investigation. The balance of the fees must be paid in full by the day of the scheduled Ghost Hunt. Payments can be made in person with cash, by mailing a check, or with credit card by calling our office.

Cancellations for Private Ghost Hunts must be received no later than 7 days in advance of the scheduled Hunt date. The reservation fee is non-refundable for any cancellations received less than seven days in advance of the scheduled Ghost Hunt. If you have an emergency or special circumstances, please contact our office and we will do our best to accommodate you.

The Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery reserves the right to cancel a Ghost Hunt due to inclement weather or any other unforeseen circumstance that will impact the event’s viability. In this case, refunds will be issued in full within ten business days.

WHAT’S IN A GHOST HUNT?

Private Ghost Hunts are a lot of fun and make for a great group activity:

- One-on-One training on using your ghost hunting equipment
- Learn investigation methods from the professionals
- Explore the grounds of Laurel Hill Cemetery After Dark
- Great Photo Opportunities
PLANNING YOUR GHOST HUNT

SCHEDULING
Private Ghost Hunts can only be scheduled on Fridays or Saturdays seasonally between May and November. They may not be scheduled on a night that the cemetery has a public event or program. Please check the Laurel Hill Cemetery Calendar of Events for all programs. Dates must be booked at least three weeks in advance. Hunts normally begin between the hours of 7 pm and 9 pm and last approximately 3 hours with time for questions and snacks.

GROUP SIZE/AGE RESTRICTIONS
Private Ghost Hunts are a great group activity, however, please note that the minimum size for a group is 5 and the maximum size for a group is 15. The minimum age for a Hunt is 10 years old and anyone under the age of 16 must be supervised by a parent or chaperone.

PARKING & BUSES
Please plan to meet your group at our main entrance located at 3822 Ridge Avenue at least 10 minutes prior to your scheduled departure time. There is a free parking lot located directly across the street for your use.

RESTROOMS
Public restrooms are located at the main entrance of the cemetery. Please note that there are no restrooms located on the grounds.

PREP ACCORDINGLY
Dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. The spirits are not restricted to the main roads and we reserve the right to sideline any groups that show up without appropriate footwear. The investigation will be walking intensive; covering most of the cemetery. If you have any health or mobility issues that would prevent you from walking or standing for three hours, please contact the office in advance.

Bring your equipment if you have it. FSPI will be prepared with extra equipment and will do a training session on how to use your items, but if you have specific tools you’ve been meaning to test out, this is your chance!

If you are bringing your own refreshments, please remember to pack all of the necessary supplies like paper plates, napkins and coolers for beverages. Trash cans and recycling are located at the main entrance for your convenience.

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ABOUT US

FREE SPIRIT PARANORMAL INVESTIGATORS

Free Spirit Paranormal Investigators is a group of people who joined together to help others, and further scientific research in the study of the paranormal. FSPI was started in 2007 by Frank Cassidy. This was a way to look further into the work of paranormal phenomenon. Our main goal is to help and educate others with 3 main concepts:

Scientifically
Observationally
Logically

We combine technology and psychics in our investigations and are always looking for possible answers. Sometimes, we can not find the answers, and that's when the mystery intrigues us even further.

Free Spirit has a wide range of members. Some of our group has endured paranormal encounters, some have physic impressions, and some are skeptic. As a whole, we balance each other and work together on the quests to further the research on ghosts and hauntings.

Free Spirit is a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

THE FRIENDS OF LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

Located right above the Schuylkill River and Kelly Drive sits 78 acres of art, architecture and history. Founded in 1836 and one of the few cemeteries to receive the designation of National Historic Landmark, Laurel Hill is more than just a cemetery. As a sculpture garden, arboretum, recreational site and historical resource, it is very much a place for the living amongst the dead. Through educational programming, public outreach initiatives and research resources, the Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery work to preserve and promote Laurel Hill’s historic character. No matter what your interest, Laurel Hill has something special for you. If you love history, take one of our fascinating tours. If you enjoy recreation, walk your dog or bike along their paths and take in the scenery. Whether it be from fun events like our concerts or Halloween season programming; or donations and membership support, all funds go to preserving Laurel Hill Cemetery for future generations.
DIRECTIONS

Laurel Hill Cemetery is located at:
3822 Ridge Avenue - Philadelphia, PA 19132

From the South and East:
Take I-76 West to Exit 340A Lincoln Drive/Kelly Drive. When merging onto the bridge over the river move into the far left lane: Ridge Avenue-East/Kelly Drive/East River Drive. At the bottom of the exit ramp go straight on Kelly Drive to the third light, South Ferry Road, and turn left. Turn right immediately at the first light onto Ridge Avenue. Continue approximately ¼ mile to the entrance to the Cemetery on your right, through the arch of the historic gatehouse.

From the West:
Take PA Turnpike to Valley Forge Exit. Take I-76 East to Exit 340A Kelly Drive/Lincoln Dr. Exit. Stay in the far left lane and follow signs for Ridge Avenue: East/Kelly Drive/East River Drive. At the bottom of the exit ramp go straight on Kelly Drive to the third light, South Ferry Road, and turn left. Turn right immediately at the first light onto Ridge Avenue. Continue approximately ¼ mile to the entrance of the Cemetery on your right, through the arch of the historic gatehouse.

From the North:
(Philadelphia International Airport, Walt Whitman Bridge, Benjamin Franklin Bridge, etc…)
Take US Route 1 to the Ridge Avenue Exit, the last exit before the Schuylkill River. Turn left at the bottom of the ramp onto Ridge Avenue. Continue approximately ¼ mile to the entrance of the Cemetery on your right, through the arch of the historic gatehouse.

From Downtown / Visitor’s Center:
Take the Benjamin Franklin Parkway to the Art Museum Circle, and bear right onto Kelly Drive. Continue approximately 3 miles to South Ferry Road. Turn right on South Ferry and turn right immediately at the first light onto Ridge Avenue. Continue approximately ¼ mile to the entrance to the Cemetery on your right through the arch of the historic gatehouse.

Public Transportation:
Board SEPTA bus route 61, the Ridge Avenue line, in Center City at any stop on 9th Street between Walnut and Arch, and get off at Clearfield Street across from the Cemetery Gatehouse. As an alternative, take any bus, subway or El line that crosses Allegheny Avenue and get the Allegheny bus, route 60, which ends at Ridge Avenue; the Cemetery Gatehouse is a one block walk southward.
ACCIDENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

Thank you for your interest in a Private Ghost Hunt at Laurel Hill Cemetery. Private Ghost Hunts are led by Free Spirit Paranormal Investigators and provide an opportunity to do a guided investigation of Laurel Hill Cemetery after hours. Laurel Hill Cemetery is a National Historic Landmark, founded in 1836, and as such, the grounds are inherently uneven. Every participant in a Private Ghost Hunt must sign this Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form. Please note that children under the age of 18 must have this waiver signed by a parent or guardian. Submit this form to EAS@thelaurelhillcemetery.org or bring it with you on the night of your scheduled Hunt.

Please check the box to indicate that you understand the following:

☐ The Cemetery grounds are jagged or rough in some areas. Some monuments may be easily toppled; and when walking on grass-covered areas, I should keep particularly alert for concealed groundhog holes, tree roots and similar potential hazards.

☐ No materials are to be removed from the Cemetery grounds except those brought in by my group. This includes rubble of damaged monuments and markers, pieces of the site’s natural landscape and greenery, found objects, grave ornaments or any other article of any type. The cutting of tree branches or other cemetery plantings is prohibited, as is tree climbing.

☐ I am responsible for any damage to the Cemetery grounds, and to all personal property located there (whether or not owned by LHCC) including without limitation, the grave markers, mausoleums, monuments, sculptures and other similar articles located on the grounds.

☐ Upon conclusion of the Private Ghost Hunt, my group will remove all trash, garbage and other materials produced during the Hunt.

☐ I understand that failure to comply with the terms of this waiver or by the rules of the site, will result in the immediate dismissal of my group and my deposit and fees will become non-refundable.

☐ The names on gravestones, monuments and mausoleums must not be readable in any images thereof except those used for private, noncommercial purposes.
I HEREBY ASSUME ALL OF THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN ANY/ALL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS EVENT, including by way of example and not limitation, any risks that may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities being released, from dangerous or defective equipment or property owned, maintained, or controlled by them, or because of their possible liability without fault.

I certify that I am physically fit, have sufficiently prepared or trained for participation in this activity, and have not been advised to not participate by a qualified medical professional. I certify that there are no health-related reasons or problems which preclude my participation in this activity.

I acknowledge that this Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form will be used in the event holders, sponsors and organizers of the activity in which I may participate, and that it will govern my actions and responsibilities at said activity.

In consideration of my application and permitting me to participate in this activity, I hereby take action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, and assigns as follows:

(A) Neither LHCC nor the Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery (a 501 (c) (3) entity affiliated with LHCC) shall be liable to me, or any other person present at the Event, for any claim of personal injury or loss of damage to personal property arising out of, related to, or otherwise occurring during or by reason of the Event.

(B) I hereby indemnify and agree to hold harmless LHCC and the Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery from all liability, loss, cost or expense (including attorney’s fees) arising out of, related to, or otherwise occurring during or by reason of the Event.

I acknowledge that Laurel Hill Cemetery and their directors, officers, volunteers, representatives, and agents are NOT responsible for the errors, omissions, acts, or failures to act of any party or entity conducting a specific activity on their behalf.

I acknowledge that this activity may involve risks that include, but are not limited to, those caused by terrain, facilities, temperature, weather, condition of participants, equipment, lack of hydration, and actions of other people including, but not limited to participants, volunteers, monitors, and/or producers of the activity. These risks are not only inherent to participants, but are also present for volunteers.

I understand while participating in this activity, I may be photographed. I agree to allow my photo, video, or film likeness to be used for any legitimate purpose by the activity holders, producers, sponsors, organizers, and assigns.

The Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Participant Signature

Participant Name (Please Print Legibly)

Participant Date of Birth

Parent or Guardian Signature (if participant is under 18)

Questions or concerns? Call 215-228-8200 or email EAS@theLaurelhilleCemetery.org
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GROUP INFORMATION

Name of Group (if applicable)  # of Attendees

1st Choice Date  2nd Choice Date

PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION

First name  Last name

Street address  Street address line 2

City  State  ZIP code

Email address  Phone number
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

☐ I understand that each member of my group will need to sign and submit a waiver before we depart for the Hunt.

☐ I understand that children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or chaperone and that the minimum age is 10.

☐ I understand that anyone under the age of 18 must have a waiver completed and signed by a parent or guardian.

☐ I understand that my group must stay together during the Ghost Hunt unless accompanied by a member of FSPI.

☐ I understand that my deposit becomes non-refundable if I cancel with less than 7 days notice.

☐ I understand that the maximum number of people allowed in a group of 20.

FEES

All Private Ghost Hunts have a reservation and deposit fee of $100 and $25 per person is due prior to the Hunt. The deposit reserves the date of your hunt and is refundable only if cancellation occurs more than one week before the reservation date.

Payment can be made:

By cash, in person at our office: 3822 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19132 between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm, M-F; 9:30am-4:30pm, Sat & Sun.

By mailing a check made out to “The Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery” to address above.

By credit card in our online store that can be found on our website www.thelaurelhillocemetery.org

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